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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. MBFR: TEXT OF ALLIED PROPOSAL EMERGES FROM AD HOC GROUP

THE AD HOC GROUP, AFTER LONG AND ARDUOUS DISCUSSION, HAS AGREED TO SUBMIT THE WESTERN FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL TO THE EAST IN THE FORM OF A WRITTEN MEMORANDUM. THE TEXT OF THE MEMORANDUM NECESSARILY EMBODIES CERTAIN COMPROMISES, BUT THE US REPRESENTATIVE BELIEVES THE PAPER IS A GOOD ONE AND THE BEST THAT CAN BE OBTAINED. FURTHER, IT LAYS OUT THE ALLIED POSITION CLEARLY AND EFFECTIVELY ENOUGH TO BE A USEFUL INSTRUMENT IN THE COMING WEEKS OF NEGOTIATIONS, AND AN EFFECTIVE COUNTER TO THE SOVIET DRAFT. (SECRET) VIENNA 9513, 11/16.

2. SOVIETS REMAIN INTENT ON IMPROVED RELATIONS

EMBASSY MOSCOW CITES SEVERAL RECENT INDICATORS
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WHICH MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP IS

INTENT UPON PURSUING THE COURSE OF IMPROVED
RELATIONS WITH THE US. THE SOVIETS HAVE MINIMIZED

DIFFERENCES OVER SUCH ISSUES AS THE MIDDLE EAST
AND CONGRESSIONAL INHIBITIONS OVER THE GRANTING OF
MFN STATUS TO THE USSR. (CONFIDENTIAL) MOSCOW 14358,
11/16.

3. SOVIETS UNHAPPY OVER US ROLE IN MIDDLE EAST

EMBASSY MOSCOW SEES THE SOVIETS AS UNENTHUSIASTIC OVER
THE US INITIATIVE IN STABILIZING THE MIDDLE EAST CEASE-
FIRE WITHOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF THE USSR. WHILE THEY
PROBABLY WOULD NOT TRY TO UNDERMINE THE ARRANGEMENT, THE
SOVIETS WOULD NOT BE UNHAPPY IF HITCHES SHOULD DEVELOP
WHICH WOULD REQUIRE THEIR INTERCESSION. THE EMBASSY
THINKS THE SOVIETS WILL NOW TRY TO GET BACK INTO THE
GAME, ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER THEY WILL
PLAY A POSITIVE ROLE OR TRY SPOILER TACTICS.
(CONFIDENTIAL) MOSCOW 14332, 11/16.

4. EMBASSY RABAT ASSESSES IMPACT OF SECRETARY'S VISIT

EMBASSY RABAT REPORTS THAT THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO
MOROCCO HAS HAD A GOOD EFFECT ON US-MOROCCAN
RELATIONS. IT NOTES A MUCH MORE FAVORABLE ATTITUDE
IN THE MOROCCAN PRESS AND MEDIA AND OF OFFICIALS
TOWARDS THE US. THE EMBASSY STATES THAT KING HASSAN,
WHO WAS DELIGHTED TO BE INCLUDED ON THE SECRETARY'S
ITINERARY AND WAS REASSURED BY THE VISIT, IS USING
HIS "LONG-STANDING AMERICAN CONNECTION" TO ENHANCE
HIS CREDIBILITY AS A MAJOR ARAB STATESMAN.
(CONFIDENTIAL) RABAT 4999, 11/16.

5. JAPANESE AVOID SHIFT TO MORE PRO-ARAB POLICY STANCE SECRET

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FOLLOWING THE NOVEMBER 16 ANNOUNCEMENT OF EMERGENCY
MEASURES TO CONSERVE ENERGY, JAPANESE CHIEF CABINET
SECRETARY NIKAIDO READ A PREPARED STATEMENT WHICH
WAS NOTABLE FOR ITS BRIEF MENTION OF THE MIDDLE EAST
SITUATION. PRESS COMMENTARIES NOTED THE ABSENCE OF
AN EXPECTED SHIFT TO A MORE PRO-ARAB POLICY STANCE AND
ATTRIBUTED THIS TO A STRONG PERSUASIVE EFFORT BY

SECRETARY KISSINGER DURING HIS TALKS WITH GJ LEADERS.
(UNCLASSIFIED) TOKYO 15056, 11/17.

6. BOGOTA CONFERENCE CHARACTERIZED BY ITS MODERATION

EMBASSY BOGOTA REPORTS THAT THE MEETING OF LATIN

AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED
BY ITS MODERATION, AND HAS PROGRESSED IN A PRO-
FESSIONAL AND DISPASSIONATE MANNER. MEXICO EMERGED
AS THE LEADER OF THE MORE RADICAL GROUP, WHILE BRAZIL
LED THE MORE CONSERVATIVE PARTICIPANTS. GALO PLAZA
ANALYZED FOR THE DELEGATES THE CHARACTER AND
PERSONALITY OF SECRETARY KISSINGER AND EMPHASIZED
THE SECRETARY'S INFLUENCE WITH CONGRESS. IT HAS
BEEN CONFIRMED THAT MEXICO WILL BE HOST TO THE
MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY. (CONFIDENTIAL) BOGOTA
9404, 11/16.

7. SOLIDARITY PUTS AFRICA IN A NEW LIGHT

IN THE PAST YEAR THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU)
HAS ARRIVED AT A GREATER UNIFORMITY OF OPINION, A FACT
WHICH IS ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT IN THE UN. THE FEAR OF
DISUNITY HAS ALLOWED THE POSITION OF EIGHT ARAB OAU
MEMBERS TO GREATLY INFLUENCE THE ATTITUDE OF THE
MAJORITY TOWARD THE MIDDLE EAST. THE INTERLOCKING
PATTERN OF EVENTS IN RECENT MONTHS WITHIN THE OAU,
BETWEEN THE OAU AND THE UN, AND BETWEEN THE OAU AND THE
MIDDLE EAST LEADS EMBASSY ACCRA TO SUGGEST THAT THE
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DEPARTMENT TAKE A NEW LOOK AT POLICIES CONCERNING
AFRICA. (CONFIDENTIAL) ACCRA 6967, 11/16. KISSINGER

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